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# Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

DONAGHEY ET AL.

Examiner

Le H Luu

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## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 September 2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.  
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:  
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).  
\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).  
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

## Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) \_\_\_\_\_ 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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1. Claims 1-25 are presented for examination.
2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. § 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless—

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language,

or

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

3. Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-10, 13-14, 16, and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by **Waclawsky** patent no. **6,539,026**.

4. As to claim 1, Waclawsky teaches the invention as claimed, including a method that ensures policy coherence among a group of peer devices comprising:

detecting an addition of a new policy version (col. 19 line 58 - col. 20 line 29);

generating a message containing the newly added policy version (col. 19 line 58 - col. 20 line 29); and

transferring the message to the peer devices (col. 9 lines 39-46; col. 19 line 58 - col. 20 line 29).

5. As to claim 2, Waclawsky teaches the newly added policy version is a policy that relates to at least one of system administration, system security, command and control, and courses of action (col. 8 line 12-39; col. 9 lines 37).

6. As to claim 3 Waclawsky teaches determining whether a policy version has become newly active; generating a second message containing an indication of the newly active policy version; and sending the second message to the peer devices (col. 19 line 58 - col. 20 line 29).

7. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

8. Claims 4, 8, 11-12, 15, 17-20, and 22-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over **Waclawsky** patent no. **6,539,026**, in view of **McCloghrie et al. (McCloghrie)** patent no. **6,286,052**.

9. As to claim 4, Waclawsky teaches the invention substantially as claimed, as discussed above. However, Waclawsky does not explicitly teach an active policy database stores a list of active policy identifiers.

McCloghrie teaches a database contains Policy Identifiers as described in COPS Usage for Differentiated Services (col. 14 lines 25-44).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the Data Processing art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings of Waclawsky and McCloghrie to stores a list of active policy identifiers in an active policy database because it would allow a device to be configured for a particular services using active policies stored in the active policy database.

10. Claims 5-25 have similar limitations as claims 1-4; therefore, they are rejected under the same rationale.

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Le H. Luu, whose telephone number is (703) 305-9650. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rupal Dharia, can be reached at (703) 305-4003. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 746-7239.

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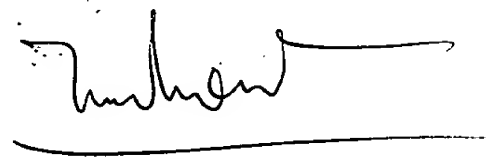
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